

## THE FLORIDA STAR

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Congressman Clark and the Florida legislature do not seem to be in perfect accord in their views of Wm. Jennings Bryan.

The following item from the Milton Star, terse though it be is right to the point and fits the situation to a "T." Formerly the way to prevent deficits was to cut down expenses. More recently the only way to do it is to hold up the public for more.

The test case which the liquor interests in Alabama brought to determine the legality of Alabama's prohibition law, resulted in a decision by the supreme court that the law is constitutional and valid. All of the judges concurred in the decision. The bill was attacked on constitutional grounds. This is the second time the law has been the subject of an attack by the liquor men, and in each case it has been successfully defended.

We understand that the Eau Gallie Record ceased publication with last week's issue. Editor Roesch got out a good local paper and made a brave effort in the nearly two years' time that he managed the Record so well, and if Brevard county hadn't already been overworked in the newspaper business he would probably have met with the success that he well merited. Five weekly papers in a county with less than 4,000 population is entirely too much. There isn't a county in the state that can put up such a showing.

The New York Produce News says local commission men in the past have had their shares of trouble, but the one now confronting them is about the limit. Growers of Florida ship a lot of their produce to the wholesale liquor dealers in return for whiskey. These liquor dealers will sell this produce just to get the price of the liquor out of it, which in some cases is a great deal lower than the commission men can afford to sell and make a cent. It is hoped the growers will stop this practice and send their produce to a legitimate commission house and then if they need the liquor, place their order with the liquor house.

Twenty-nine years ago this date the first issue of THE STAR was printed in Titusville. THE STAR commences its thirtieth year with this number. During all this time it has been under the present management and ownership. We mention this fact modestly for it is rather unusual for a weekly newspaper to continue so long under one management. This is not achieving greatness, but rather the opposite—satisfied with making a fair showing—but it does reflect staying qualities far above the average. THE STAR has never had a mushroom growth nor experienced a dieback. It has been a constant and continuous success from the first year of its existence, and for a long term of years it has been upon a solid and enduring business basis. We hope with the continued help and support of our many patrons and friends to round up a goodly number of cycles yet to come.

## A Decided Change

In the senate Saturday just before the close of the session, Senator Harris, of Key West, introduced what will probably become a "disturber of the peace" that is, a reapportionment bill. A reading of the bill does not disclose any of the objectionable features, since the apportionment appears to be equitable and in accordance with population, but it is an utter impossibility for any man to prepare an apportionment bill that will suit all ideas, and this one is hardly likely to perform any miracle in that regard. Therefore a fight is looked for from counties which, by the reapportionment, will lose any representation numerically.

The proposed change throws Osceola, Brevard and St. Lucie into the thirtieth senatorial district.

## More About a Convention

Quoting in full a recent editorial from the Pensacola Journal, in which allusion was made to the opinion of Judge Bullock, of Ocala, concerning the need of a constitutional convention composed of delegates especially qualified for the work, the Miami News-Record makes the following pertinent remarks:

The Journal's appeal for a constitutional convention, backed by the opinion of Judge Bullock, is a strong presentation of the subject. That the question is a pressing one is shown by the many resolutions already introduced in the legislature, looking to the adoption of resolutions calling for more amendments to the present constitution. It should be remembered by the voters of Florida that not one of the many proposed amendments to the constitution, as offered by the legislature, since the session of 1901, has been adopted by the people. The people have said time again, that they would have no more amendments, and it would look as though further propositions looking to that end would be futile—worse than futile, foolishness and child's play. It is apparent that before the legislature adjourns there will be many propositions made to change our present constitution, but the part of wisdom would be, so it would appear to the sensible mind, to gather all these and other propositions up in one measure, together with the present constitution and make a new, clean, progressive and comprehensive organic act.

## Wants Change in Pardon Board

State of Florida, Executive Office,

Tallahassee, April 13, 1909.

Gentlemen of the Legislature:

Your attention is respectfully invited to the following:

Section 12, Article IV of the constitution, as amended, reads as follows:

"The governor, secretary of state, comptroller, attorney general and commissioner of agriculture, or a major part of them, of whom the governor shall be one, may, upon such conditions and with such limitations as they may deem proper, remit fines and forfeitures, commute punishment and grant pardon after conviction, in all cases except treason and impeachment, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by law relative to the manner of applying for pardons."

It is recommended that this amendment be amended by striking out the word "attorney general" and substituting therefor the words "state treasurer."

As petitions for pardon are now presented to the board of pardons, the attorney for the petitioner sets up various reasons why the pardon should be granted. There is no one to present the reasons to the board why the pardon should not be granted. The object of this proposed change is that a statute may in future be passed directing the attorney general, under such rules and regulations as may be passed by said board or by the legislature, to represent the state in all petitions for pardon. The state is now represented in every court except the court of last resort, the pardoning board.

It appears, from reading the constitution, that the board has now sufficient power to "establish such conditions, with such limitations and restrictions as they may deem proper." It is, therefore, not deemed necessary to pass any law prescribing conditions, limitations and restrictions.

Very respectfully,  
ALBERT W. GILCHRIST,  
Governor.

The Prince of Grumblers.

When Mr. Beeton asked if he did not find many unreasonable people among his summer boarders Farmer Joy quickly assented.

"Lots an' lots are never satisfied anyway," he said. "No matter what's done for 'em there'll always be something wrong somewhere."

"Now, last summer," he went on, with a gleaming eye, "we had a man here that was so fond of grumblin' that one day he actually called for a toothpick after he'd had a glass of milk!"—Youth's Companion.

## COQUINA CROSS DISCOVERED

Unearthed at the McConnell Place in St. Augustine

Evidence to the effect that Ponce de Leon discovered Florida in 1513 and not in 1512 has been unearthed at Mrs. McConnell's place, north of St. Augustine, which was formerly the Williams place.

The following article on this very interesting subject is taken from the St. Augustine Record of Monday:

The former owner knew of the relics on the property, but did not disturb them. Mrs. McConnell recently discovered a coquina cross, placed by Ponce de Leon to mark the spot where he found a spring of fresh water. The cross is about five feet long and about four crossways. It was built apparently in the ground, as the blocks of coquina are cemented together and the form of the cross has been preserved. The coquina blocks are badly worn from moisture of the ground, but are otherwise perfect as to alignment. Two blocks of coquina which Mrs. McConnell has unearthed contain the date of Ponce de Leon's first visit. One of these blocks contains the number "1" and the other has the figure "3" cut in the front. These two blocks were together and two other adjoining blocks were broken. The theory is advanced that the century was contained on the other tablets, but although they contained figures of some kind they were so badly shattered that the figures could not be deciphered.

Mrs. McConnell has a metal casket which she found a few feet below the surface of the ground. In digging out the stump of a big palmetto tree a workman unearthed the casket. It contained a parchment stating that a cross had been planted in the immediate vicinity. The cross, however, had been located years ago by Mr. Williams, but he, believing that it was of recent origin, covered it up again. The parchment gave Mrs. McConnell a clue as to the value of the cross and she succeeded in locating it and has just had a curbing built around it, boarding it over so that it can be viewed with very little trouble. Historians differ as to the date of Ponce de Leon's landing here, but the best authorities claim that he discovered Florida in 1513. The cross is undoubtedly a genuine relic of the earliest days in St. Augustine's history and papers left by Ponce de Leon and now held in the archives of Spain refer to the cross and the casket. In his reports Ponce de Leon did not mention the year of his discovery of Florida and this omission has led to much controversy over the year. The tablets of coquina will satisfactorily settle the point in the minds of many who have seen them and are versed in the early history of this state.

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John M. McCrory, living on Main St., Titusville, Fla., says: "My back was very lame and sore and when I stooped or lifted anything I found it very difficult to regain an erect position. I could not assume a position at night that was comfortable and I felt miserable. The kidney secretions did not act in their normal manner and gave me much annoyance. Finally Doan's Kidney Pills came to my attention, and I began taking them according to directions. They proved to be just what I required, soon eradicated the backache and banished the lameness and soreness. The action of the kidney secretions was also corrected, and I feel better in every way. I sincerely recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to any person in need of a reliable kidney remedy."

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There may be a few people so constituted as to be able to perform such a mental feat. But the sensible people, the reliable people, the brawn and brain of the world, who are governed by principles of justice and common sense, are going to accept the clear, pointed and undoubted testimony of a man of national reputation who knows what he is talking about.

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